

# Fellowship Advancer



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#### Message from the Chair

To All Fellowship Leaders,  
If you are like me, you are busily preparing for the convention in New Orleans. We're looking forward to a great time in a city known for its good times and great food.

While in New Orleans, the Fellowships will be ably represented by many of you. In order to best represent all Fellowships, I ask that you do the following:

- 1) Volunteer to work in the General fellowships booth at least one shift during the convention. The booth is open from 10:00-18:00 Saturday, and 08:00-18:00 Sunday through Tuesday, and 08:00-16:00 Wednesday. If you or other members of your group can volunteer, please stop by the All Fellowships booth 989/991 to sign up for a time period or contact me at 317/730-3722 (cell) or e-mail: [steve.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:steve.leonard@comcast.net).
- 2) Attend the Annual General Meeting of all Fellowships on Tuesday, May 24 at 13:30 in the convention center, room 384. If you cannot attend personally, please send someone from your fellowship who can present your concerns and participate in discussions.
- 3) Bring materials that can be distributed from the General Fellowships booth. This is particularly important if your fellowship does not have a booth of its own. We will be happy to share your materials with those who stop by for a visit.

I hope to see many of you at the convention. Please stop by the General Fellowships booth and attend the AGM to participate in making our "best kept secret in Rotary" more effective!

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Steve



## International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

<http://www.ifroar.org>

Further fellowship among Rotarians and goodwill among people of the world via amateur radio.

### Chair

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Rotarians of Amateur Radio is one of the oldest fellowships of Rotary International. It was established in 1966 by Byron Sharpe W9BE, a Rotarian from Illinois, USA. In 1989 one of our ROAR members, Hugh Archer W8JA, served as president of Rotary International. ROAR members are perhaps the most active fellowship in communicating with each other regularly.



**Purpose:** ROAR provides a forum for the exchange of views among members who share an interest in amateur radio, either as licensed radio amateurs or as shortwave listeners. We wish to promote international understanding and fellowship.

ROAR will have Booth 1184 in the House of Friendship. We will hold our Annual General Meeting in room 383 in Morial Convention Center. The meeting convenes on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am. I hope to see you there.

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## Antique, Classic and Historic Automobiles Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.achafr.eu>

Further fellowship among Rotarians through a common interest in ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles.

### Chair

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With New Orleans rapidly advancing the ACHAFR are organizing Tours on both sides of "the pond". In North America Joanne Pistorius, the President of ACHAFR-NA is not only organizing Ride along Tours from both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to the Convention Centre in New Orleans, but also a Cajun cook out for all ACHAFR Members as well as prospective ones as well. These events are certainly MUSTS for all automobile enthusiasts.

Not to be outdone the RRAF GB & I are organising a three day Tour of North West England. Based in Penrith in Cumbria the daily visits will take in The Lake District; Yorkshire Dales and Border raid to Scotland. The latter coming with a "Whisky Noseing" For entrants from mainland Europe there is also a three day pre tour playing golf and exploring York.

Ross Calgher the ACHAFR's representative in New Zealand will also be making a return visit to the UK where he will be making a Guest Appearance at the Brands Hatch May



Spring Bank Holiday Meeting racing a 1965 Mercury Comet Cyclone. Elsewhere the various Chapters have been very busy with ARACI Members completing a run from Shanghai to Peking to Milan in one of four Alfa Romeo Giulias. All told they covered 2500 kilometers in 35 days travelling through the wilds of China, Mongolai, Russia, Ukraine, Moldovia, Roumania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Croatia before reaching Italy!

Yves Lozach has finally set up a French Chapter – ARAFR and Bruno Buxbaum is well on his way to starting an Austrian Chapter. In April RRAF GB&I had an exhibition in Dublin and have at last managed to obtain at least two Irish Rotarians.

As mentioned above we will be in New Orleans why not come along to our stand and find out what we are doing in your area?

Colin Weeks  
President – ACHAFR

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### **The Fellowships Committee have great pleasure in introducing our newest Fellowship**

### **Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers**

RI Fellowship of Authors & Writers was sanctioned by the BoD in January, 2011, making it the newest Fellowship worldwide. Whilst attending the District Assembly in 2010, Chair Marilyn discovered that there was no Fellowship for authors and writers. With the invaluable help of Vice-Chair Barbara, she pursued her passion at the 2010 Montreal Convention and subsequently an application was submitted to RI in November, 2010. In addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair, both from Canada, Secretary Madu is from India; Treasurer Ayo is from Nigeria.

We will be promoting RI's newest Fellowship at the 2011 Convention seeking to build membership and in particular, our need of a webmaster on the executive. The Fellowship goals include sharing writing of all genres electronically and in the future we hope to include the promotion of eBooks to support the Foundation. Our inaugural meeting will be on May 23, 1.30-3.30, Room 383 at the Convention Centre.



Our fun and fantastic social will be May 25, 7:30 pm @Remoulade's (309 Bourbon Street) – everyone is welcome! For further information or membership applications go to [www.Authors&WritersRIF.org](http://www.Authors&WritersRIF.org) **Not working**

The picture shows Chair Marilyn making Convention vests for the executive members.

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### **International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians**

<http://aces1.customer.netspace.net.au/>

Provides Rotarians worldwide the opportunity to participate together in the hobby of bird watching.

#### **Chair**

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## **International Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians**

<http://www.ifbpr.org/>

Promotes fellowship and encourages the playing and instruction of the card game bridge.

### **Chair**

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Our traditional bridge tournament, "X. Unver Egrikavuk Rotary Bridge Tournament" was held on March 19, 2011 Saturday at Circolo Roma-Casa d'Italia of Istanbul with 66 players.

The Tournament was directed as usual by Mr. M. Fahir Uzumcu who is one of the official tournament directors of EBL (European Bridge League) and Past President of TBF (Turkish Bridge Federation).



We had also some honor guests such as Mr. Ahmet Kara, Governor of IR District 2420., Mr. Ercan Arslanbek, District Secretary of IR District 2420., Mr. Cahit Uren, Chair of Fellowships Committee - IR District 2420., Past District Governor Unver Egrikavuk's wife Mrs. Aysel Egrikavuk and Jak Kasar, Past Vice President of IFBPR

After the bridge tournament, we celebrated 10th anniversary of Unver Egrikavuk Rotary Bridge Tournament.

Nisantasi Rotary Club continues an important charity project for the syndactly children of Derbent, Afyon. All revenues of the bridge tournament will be used for the surgery of children which suffers syndactly or polydactly diseases.

Levent Alatli  
Vice President of IFBPR  
Past President of Istanbul, Nisantasi RC.

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## **International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians**

<http://sites.google.com/site/rotarycanoe/>

Promotes Rotary club related activities in canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, rafting, other paddling disciplines and activities that relate to the preservation of waterways. It encourages fellowship members to share their activities in these areas and to promote paddling activities within the world of Rotary.

### **Chair**

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## International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians

As from January 2011, Don Howard will be taking over as President –  
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This year brings new Officers to lead our Fellowship; as our president we have Donald Howard, P.H.F. a member of the Rotary Club of Catford and as his vice, by Peter Skerratt P.H.F. from the Rotary Club of South Woodham Ferrers both of these have already served a number of years as Officers within the Fellowship and many years working at their own Clubs. It is not quite a 'new broom' but we look forward to the challenges of making the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians even more popular among Rotarians who own caravans. In the UK we have a membership that exceeds 1000, in New Zealand there are some 250 members but in the rest of the world however in the rest of the world hardly any. We wish to promote ourselves more Internationally and to this end a Tour of South Africa has been made during March when 14 UK based members met up with 1 from Canada, 1 from New Zealand and our host member from Cape Town. The 17 travellers hired motorhomes and spent almost 4 weeks touring the Garden Route and visiting a number of Rotary Clubs enroute. The fellowship and fun that we received was heart – warming and already some are taking back the projects that were discussed at the local meetings to their own Clubs in the hope the support can be made.



Contact;  
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[skerratt@sky.com](mailto:skerratt@sky.com)

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## International Fellowship of Carnivel, Parades & Festivals

[www.ifcpf.org](http://www.ifcpf.org).

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## International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/brian.clark/>

Enhances world fellowship among Rotarians while enjoying the game of chess.

### Chair

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## International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.icufr.org/>

Promotes and encourages the use of electronic communication to serve, share, and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

### **Chair**

Roger Siddle - E-mail: [roger.siddle@gmail.com](mailto:roger.siddle@gmail.com)

The Computer Users fellowship has grown steadily with members joining on-line at [www.icufr.org](http://www.icufr.org) - click 'Join Us' on the Main Menu. We now have members in over 60 countries with strong representation in the USA, UK, India and Australia.

Two new directors will take office for the 2011-12 year: James Corbin from Barbados and Chanjiv Singh from India. We offer a big thank you to the two retiring directors: Robin Chapple from Australia and Vigdis Steffansdottir from Iceland.

Our monthly news letter is posted on our web site with a summary being emailed to all members. Links are provided to follow up interesting topics. Articles have covered Facebook to Fellowships, managing mailing lists to tweaking Google searches, and of course regular technical tips.

Together with an active web forum at [forum.icufr.org](http://forum.icufr.org) linked to our mailing list we continue to promote the objects of Rotary through an interest in computers and electronic communications.

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## International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers

<http://www.conventiongoers.org>

Members promote attendance at RI Conventions as a means toward fulfilling the Object of Rotary, which begins with the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

### **Chair**

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The **International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers** is hosting the 2011 Reunion for the members of the **Convention Goers Fellowship** and the Class of 2000-2011 (as well as our many other friends and "Amigos" as our Chairman would say). You are cordially invited to attend this annual event which will truly be one of the major highlights of the New Orleans convention. We will once again gather together for an evening of **incredible food**, fun and fellowship as "**The Reunion**" returns to its original format . . . **dinner in an elegant setting**.

This year "**The Reunion**" (our new official name) will be held in the world famous, award winning "**Court of Two Sisters**" Restaurant. Located in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans, the "**Court of Two Sisters**" is rated #1 in every "Best of the Best" restaurant guide and is one of the very finest in New Orleans.

We will dine under the arbor in the beautiful outdoor courtyard filled with fountains, flowers, gas lanterns, twinkling lights and the sounds of the **Sensations Jazz Band** which will play just for us throughout the cocktail hour and into dinner.



Our spectacular 4-course plated dinner has been planned exclusively for us by the Executive Chef with each course being served separately by their unsurpassed wait staff. This 10th annual event will be presided over by our esteemed "Amigo" and Chairman, **PRIP Frank Devlyn and Gloria Rita Devlyn**. In addition, our Rotary International President Nominee, **Sakuji Tanaka**, will be our **Honored Guest for the Evening**.

Harriet Schloer  
Executive Secretary

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## International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians

<http://www.rotarycricket.org/>

Promotes international fellowship with Rotarians by playing cricket.

### Chair

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Arrangements are well in hand for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Festival of Cricketing Rotarians to be held In Vapi India 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Recently IFCR World Chairman David Horsley and his wife Jan along with IFCR Chairman of GB&I Norman Brown and his wife Liz visited Vapi to check on progress of organization for the Festival. Festival co-ordinator Vipul Patel and his enthusiastic band of Vapi Rotarians are well advanced and registration forms can be obtained on line at [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org) or Vipul can be contacted direct at [vipulpatel\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:vipulpatel_99@yahoo.com) Transport from Mumbai to Vapi and return is being organised by the Rotary Club of Bombay North-West .



It is anticipated 16 teams from Australia, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and USA will take part. Efforts are also being made to encourage individual cricketing Rotarians from Canada, Kenya, Nepal, Netherlands, West Indies and Zimbabwe to join us in Vapi

Vapi is the home Club of 2011-12 Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee and it will be a great occasion to celebrate the birthday of Rotary International on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in his home town.

Cricketing Rotarians around the world are looking forward to being in Vapi in 2012.

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## International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Promotes international fellowship among all curling Rotarians.

### Chair

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## International Fellowship Cycling to Serve (FCS), a Rotary Fellowship

[www.cycling2serve.org](http://www.cycling2serve.org)

The objectives of our Fellowship are to develop and promote world-wide friendship through cycling both competitive and touristic; to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally through cycling activities; to promote international understanding and peace through cycling activities.

Main activities are the organisation of the annual Fellowship Cycling to Serve World Championships, the organisation of a 4-days touristic cycling event and the organisation of local cycling events.

More information on the USA/Canada chapter of FCS may be obtained from Membership Information USA/CAN : [whobikes@comcast.net](mailto:whobikes@comcast.net) or [craigtb3@aol.com](mailto:craigtb3@aol.com) and RIMS Newsletter Submissions: [rotaryrims@comcast.net](mailto:rotaryrims@comcast.net)

**Jos Kuijper, FCS President**  
**RC Bergen, D1580**

**Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles.**

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## Rotarian Doctors Fellowship

<http://www.rotariandoctors.org>

Facilitates the exchange of ideas among Rotarians in the health professions and allied fields.

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### **WHO ARE THE ROTARIAN DOCTORS?**

We are...

- Rotarian Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Workers.

Who share...

- A vision for supporting & promoting global health improvement.
- Enthusiasm for working through volunteering.
- A strong commitment to supporting local & international health care initiatives.

And who...

- Value networking with like-minded people throughout the world.
- Enjoy themselves.



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## Doll Lovers Fellowship

<http://www.rotarydlf.org>

Brings together Rotarians who share a common interest in dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship. The fellowship also promotes the spreading of information on history, geography, and customs across cultures, and sponsors programs to benefit children.

**Chair**

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## Editors and Publishers

<http://www.ifreps.com>

Assists Rotarian editors and publishers in improving methods for editing, publishing, and distributing ideas.

**Chair**

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## Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://envirotarians.org/>

**Chair**

Marco Kappenberger  
Rotary E-Club of Latinoamérica D.4200  
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The Environment Fellowship of Rotarians welcomes you to booth/stand 1175 at the House of Friendship of the RI Convention in New Orleans where:

- we will feature exemplary environmental projects from around the world,
- and
- introduce you to new environmental Rotarian Action Groups being prepared.

The EFR enables Rotarians to enjoy fellowship, and also inspire and help their Rotary clubs to initiate and participate in projects for a better environment for everyone on our planet earth. With the vision and in the spirit of 'Preserve Planet Earth' this Rotary Fellowship does also promote sustainable development.

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**Esperanto Rotarian Fellowship**  
<http://radesperanto.monsite.wanadoo.fr>

Consists of Rotarians using and sustaining the language Esperanto in order to realize Rotary ideals of understanding, friendship and peace between nations, facilitating personal networking amongst Rotarians of different languages, and advancing the humanitarian services of Rotary.

**Chair**

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RADE, the Rotary Fellowship of Esperanto. wholeheartedly welcomes you and invites to visit our booth 1177 in the New Orleans Friendship House this coming May. There you will be greeted by our new board member Sherry Wells and our already well-known honorary member Ronald Glossop. His always relevant book CONFRONTING WAR will be there for your viewing along with its Esperanto translation MONDA FEDERACIO, and you will have the chance to talk with Ron about international peaceful communication. At the same time you will be able to view and admire the Esperanto version of the book about RI-founder Paul Harris.

We also invite you to take note of our new website <<http://radesperanto.org>> (already in five different languages), which RADE, in active collaboration with young Rotaractors in Brazil, inaugurated last February, the month of international understanding in R.I.



"Strengthen communities -- bridging continents" is the slogan of RI this year, and we Esperanto speakers within the great Rotary family are using this friendly language to unify continents and build bridges among all people!

Giuseppe Grattapaglia  
RADE Secretary  
RC Alto Paraiso de Goiás, District 4530 Brazil

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RADE salutas vin tutkore kaj invitas viziti nian standon 1177 en New Orleans en venonta majo. Tie vin akceptos nia nova estraranino Sherry Wells kaj nia jam fama honora membro Ronald Glossop. Lia ĉiam aktuala libro CONFRONTING WAR estos tie je via dispono sub la esperanta titolo MONDA FEDERACIO, kaj vi havos okazon dialogi kun Ron ankaŭ sub la aspekto de internacia paca komunikado. Samtempe vi povas rigardi kaj admiri libron pri nia fondinto PAUL HARRIS en esperanto.

Notu nian novan retpaĝaron, en kvin diversaj lingvoj ĝis nun, kiun RADE inaŭguris en februaro okaze de la rotaria monato pri Internacia Interkompreniĝo, en aktiva kunlaboro kun la promesplena movado de rotaraktanoj en Brazilo.

*Fortigi komunumojn - unuigi kontinentojn* estas en R.I. la centra ideo ĉijare kaj ni esperanto parolantoj en la granda rotaria familio uzas la amikeman lingvon por unuigi kontinentojn kaj konstrui pontojn inter la popoloj!

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## Fine Arts and Antiques Fellowship

<http://espanol.groups.yahoo.com/group/AGRUPACIONBAA/>

Encourages the development and exchange of information on fine arts and antiques.

### **Chair**

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Agrupación Rotaria Profesional de Bellas Artes y Antigüedades que alienta el desarrollo y el intercambio de información sobre bellas artes y antigüedades

Uno de los nueve programas estructurados de Rotary International destinados a ayudar a los clubes y distritos a lograr sus metas de servicio en sus propias comunidades y en el exterior, fomentando el compañerismo y la buena voluntad.

Mayor informacion visita nuestra WEB <http://espanol.geocities.com/agrupacionbaa/>

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## International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians



<http://iffr.homestead.com/>

Rotary's Fishing Fellowship promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing. Further, it encourages social activities among its members and supports interaction between Rotarians and the youth of their respective communities so that young men and women may learn more

about Rotary, sport fishing, and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world



### **Chair**

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## International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

<http://www.iffr.org/>

Promotes international fellowship among all Rotarians who share an interest in aviation.

### **Chair**

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Spring is when Private Pilots look forward to some good weather and start planning their flights. Members of the International Flying Fellowship meet their friends at various Fly Ins. There are monthly meetings round the UK, some of them on weekdays to help those who hire club aircraft, a two day meeting in the Lake District in April and the main weekend meeting in Newcastle in July. There are overseas trips in May to Bruges and Trier. You do not need to be a pilot to join the IFFR, just a Rotarian with an interest in Aviation. Members often get lifts in other members' aircraft or travel to meetings by road or scheduled flights. For further details see [www.iffr.org.uk](http://www.iffr.org.uk) or e-mail [iffr@spokes.biz](mailto:iffr@spokes.biz)

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**International Golfing Fellowship**

<http://www.golfing-rotarians.com/>

To develop and promote worldwide friendship in a sporting, relaxing way

To serve the community and humanity, through golfing

To promote international understanding and peace

**Chair**

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**World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets**

<http://www.rotarygourmet.com/>

Promotes fellowship by bringing Rotarians together for the preparation and enjoyment of fine foods from around the world.

**Chair**

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**International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians**

<http://www.rotarianhomeexchange.com>

The Rotary International Home Exchange Fellowship is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Home Exchange as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

**Chair**

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## Rotarians on the Internet

<http://www.roti.org/>

The mission of ROTI is to apply modern information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge, and to use Internet communications to further world understanding and peace.

### Chair

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We lead the way in **using electronic communication** to end concerns about distance when working on service projects or building new friendships. This broad communication access will be of immeasurable benefit to **you**, your **club** and your **district**. There are few (if any) places where you can access so much international information so quickly and easily.

The **ROTI leadership and members**, approximately 2,000 strong from one hundred countries, will work to make you feel like a next door neighbor. You can benefit from the experience with and commitment to Rotary principles from our large group. It matters not if they are 10 or 10,000 kilometers away; a ROTI member is just a button click away on the Internet!

Our history is behind us! We are working to continue leadership in internet communication and its use to foster service and fellowship. If you have discovered the wonders of the Internet and the ease of world-wide communication that goes with it, you should join us. You do not need to be a technical genius. Just be a dedicated Rotarian!



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At this Rotary Fellowship Advancer issue we are pleased to announce that we are changing our Chairs positions, so here you can see our **Chairs 2009-2011 Leticia Parra (Mexico)** and **Chair Elect 2011-2013 Steve Sokol**

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## The Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship

The proposed Chairman is Francesco Clemente, e-mail: [e.clements@cleder.it](mailto:e.clements@cleder.it)

This group is now listed on the RI website [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) and related Rotary Fellowships publications.

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## Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture

<http://www.rotarioslatinos.org/> URL temporarily suspended

Promotes the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages.

### Chair

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## Rotarian Lawyers' Fellowship

This year's Fellowship of Law Event will take place at 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 23rd at  
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**400 Royal St # 1190, New Orleans, LA 70130-8101**  
**(504) 310-2300**

1. **Justice Greg Guidry** began serving on the Louisiana Supreme Court as an Associate Justice in January 2009. He was formerly a judge on the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of appeal, having won election in August 2006. He served as a District Court Judge on the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson for six years beginning in October 2000. He is a 1985 graduate of the Louisiana State University Law Center where he was inducted into the Order of Coif and selected for the Louisiana Law Review on the basis of grades. He was also awarded a Rotary Foundation Scholarship for International Understanding. During the scholarship year, Justice Guidry studied classical civilizations and Roman law at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

2. **Donna Wright**, Director, Europe and Eurasia Division American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. The American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) is a mission-driven, non-profit program grounded in the belief that rule of law promotion is the most effective long-term antidote to the most pressing problems facing the world today, including poverty, conflict, endemic corruption and disregard for human rights.

3. Annual meeting of the Fellowship (Election of Officers). Discussion of suggested Fellowship activities. All Rotarian lawyers, judges and guests are invited.

*Visitors to the House of Friendship will be able to meet members of the Lawyers' Fellowship at the General Fellowships Booth.*

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## Rotarian Automobile License Plate Collectors Fellowship

Brings together Rotarians around the world who participate in the hobby of license plate collecting.

### **Chair**

Marcus B. Crofts - USA. Business: 1-336-7657250; Residence: 1-336-7230266; Fax: 1-336-7686768; E-mail: mcrofts@croftsandsaunders.com

Our **CAR TAG (Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags from Around the Globe)** Fellowship has increased membership interest this past quarter because of our new Facebook page. Be sure to check out our Facebook page **ROTARY LICENSE PLATES** at:



<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1509220015#!group.php?gid=200190641616>

In the picture, member Rotarian Gordon White, of the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg (Virginia) is holding Rotary plates from Virginia, Montana, and Ohio. There are now 17 states that offer Rotary license plates. The club members are interested in hearing of Rotary plates from other countries.

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## Fellowship of Literacy Providers

<http://www.literacyproviders.org>

Provides an international forum in which to share ideas, information and techniques for improving global literacy through Rotary.

### Chair

P.C. Thomas - India. Business: 91-423-2550866; Residence: 91-423-2550555; Fax: 91-423-2550877; E-mail: [pcthomasgsis@gmail.com](mailto:pcthomasgsis@gmail.com)

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## Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians

<http://rotarianmagician.org>

To promote the objectives and ideals of Rotary and to bring about international relationships among Rotarian magicians while extending the true magic of Rotary to the world.

### Chair

Jim Lang - USA. Business: 1-203-3771747; Residence: 1-203-3771747; E-mail: [jim@rotarianmagician.org](mailto:jim@rotarianmagician.org)



In the House of Friendship at last years Convention, Jim performed magic daily at the General Fellowship Booth and drew crowds with his escape from his own suit jacket (a spoof of the straight-jacket escape). Pictured are booth coordinator David Judge and another volunteer as they raise "The Curtain of Death" over a shackled Jim.

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## International Fellowship of Magna Graecia

<http://www.fellowshipmagna-graecia.org/>

Brings together Rotarians interested in Greek, Roman and Italian roots of modern culture, and in ancient Magna Graecia, through four Meetings for Rotarians, families and guests; Mediterranean youth meetings; sponsorship/publication of books, brochures, videos, CDs; and ICW, a worldwide service network among Rotarians of Italian origin.

### Chair

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## Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotary-run.de>

The International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting running as an opportunity for fellowship.

### **Chair**

Keith Andrew Fagg - Australia. Business: 61-352-212899; Residence: 61-352-641288; Fax: 61-352-222275; Email: [khfagg@bigpond.com](mailto:khfagg@bigpond.com)

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## International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

<http://www.ifmr.org/>



Provides the opportunity for members to gather regionally and internationally to share the joys of motorcycling.

### **Chair**

Dr. Prithvi Raval - India. Business: 91-80-266-15170; Residence: 91-80-26347104; Fax: 91-80-412-03821; Email: [drprithvi@airtelmail.in](mailto:drprithvi@airtelmail.in)



There are chapters in different regions of the world. Each Chapter organises rallies for its members. The photo shows one gathering in the AGS Chapter.

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## International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians

<http://www.ifrm.org>

Promotes Rotary fellowship by encouraging clubs to sing, to organize musical activities for performance at all levels of Rotary functions, and to support community musical organization and school music programs.

### **Chair**

Lee Denlinger - USA. Business: 1-925-8955385; Residence: 1-925-8467029; Fax: 1-925-8467029; E-mail: [chair@IFRM.org](mailto:chair@IFRM.org)

IFRM is working hard to make its presence known at the upcoming RI Convention in New Orleans, LA this May. Singing at the IFRM booth is popular with RI convention goers as is performing on stage in the Hall of Friendship. Booth Music Director **Sharon Xavier de Sousa** (RC of Tri-Valley, CA) duplicates song sheets so that Rotarians who pass by the IFRM Booth can join in fellowship through singing.



Perhaps the most memorable experience, however, is when the IFRM members come together as the Rotary World Choir and perform Sunday morning at the Convention's Interfaith Service. The music this year features songs from Korea and Mexico with a flavor of Americana. Choir Director **Judith Walker** (RC of Hammond, IN) selects the music, prepares CDs in each voice so

that singers can pre-rehearse their parts, and then brings it all together in a 1-1/2 hour dress rehearsal before the 10:00 a.m. performance.

Chair **Lee Denlinger** (RC of F.U.N. Sunset, CA) continues to promote the fellowship through the publication of a monthly e-bulletin, *Staccato*, and the biannual newsletter, *Music Notes*. With the administrative structuring of the fellowship under vice-chairs (Australia/Asia; United Kingdom/Europe; and India), IFRMers are better able to communicate with members in their immediate areas/regions. Please see our website at [www.IFRM.org](http://www.IFRM.org) .

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## **Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints**

<http://www.rotaryoldbooks.org>

Promotes friendship and acquaintance amongst Rotarians who share a common interest in old and rare antique books and prints.

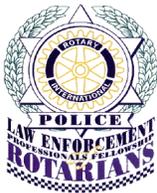
### **Chair**

Enzo Cossu - Italy. Business: 39-030-7721244; Residence: 39-030-7721654; Fax: 39-030-7702084; E-mail: [avvcossu@inwind.it](mailto:avvcossu@inwind.it)

Its aims are:

- Promoting friendship and the exchange of information on a global scale among those Rotarians who share a common interest for antique books and prints;
- Transmitting the knowledge and love for old books to other Rotarians, especially the younger ones;
- Taking advantage of the latest means of communication, which allow an easy access to a heritage which, in our District, happens to be among the richest in the world.

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## **Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians**

<http://www.polepfr.org/>

Promotes ties among law enforcement professionals to enhance the work of Rotary and police and law enforcement professionals locally, nationally, and internationally.

### **Chair**

Geoffrey B.W. Little - Australia. Business: 61-299-814619; Residence: 61-419-178279; Fax: 61-299-814619; E-mail: [polepfor@bigpond.com](mailto:polepfor@bigpond.com)

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## **International Fellowship of Pre-Colombian Civilizations**

Promotes the understanding and study of the people of Latin America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

### **Chair**

Adelaida Tolic - Chile. Business: 56-234-11840; Residence: 56-227-92452; Fax: 56-220-96016; E-mail: [adtolic@gmail.com](mailto:adtolic@gmail.com)

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## Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

<http://www.rotaryquilts.org>

Promotes the sharing of ideas and new techniques for Rotarians who enjoy the use of fabrics as an art form and provides opportunities for donating materials to those in need.

### **Chair**

Diana K. Barden - USA. Residence: 1-559-6747138; Fax: 1-559-6744319; E-mail: [jerrybarden@comcast.net](mailto:jerrybarden@comcast.net)

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## International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

Brings together Rotarians interested in railroads, scale model, narrow gauge railways, steam, diesel, or electric.

### **Chair**

Donald J. Schiller - USA. Residence: 1-928-7171000; E-mail: [schiller@commspeed.net](mailto:schiller@commspeed.net)

International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians has a brand new website at [www.ifrr.info](http://www.ifrr.info) Currently at about 70 members we are steaming down the track and welcome new members.

Activities at the Rotary International Convention will include the following and everyone is welcome to attend.

- Sunday, May 22nd at 2:30 pm Trolley trip to New Orleans Botanical Garden Model Train layout.
- Tuesday, May 24 at 11:30 am to 1:00 IFRR Annual Meeting - Room 383
- Wednesday, May 25 - Crescent City Model Railroad Club Visit - Following Convention Closing Session

House of Fellowship during Convention. First time ever we will have a booth # 1182.



Come See Us!

For further information see our website or contact President Don Schiller at [schiller@commspeed.net](mailto:schiller@commspeed.net)

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## Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rvfweb.org/>

Provides opportunities for Rotarians to camp and rally in various scenic locations in North America.

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### **Chair**

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RVF Convention goes met up at Montreal last year and some plan to do so again this year.

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## Rotary Global History Fellowship

<http://www.rghf.org>

As an effort to serve others, RGHF accumulates and preserves the complete history, values and philosophy of the Rotary movement, as well as encourages others to do the same at every level of the Rotary movement, and publishes those histories, values and philosophies on the internet, as well as other forms of media as expedient.

### **Chair**

Jack M. Selway - USA. Business: 1-719-3692305; E-mail: [founder@rghf.org](mailto:founder@rghf.org)

Rotary Global History Fellowship will be meeting Rotarians at booth #1192 in the House of Friendship, New Orleans IC.

RGHF will also host an open meeting at 1:30 PM, in Room 384. This informal gathering is for members, guests, and all Rotarians to share ideas about the Global History of Rotary. One of the topics will be "Women in Rotary." All are welcome. Please pass this on to the president-elect of your club and also your incoming district governor. We're sure this event will be valuable for those leaders.



This month, RGHF announced grants, via the RGHF Donor Advised Fund for \$1,000 each to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation [www.paulharrishome.org](http://www.paulharrishome.org) and the Paul Harris Memorial and Presidential Walkway [www.paulharrismemorial.org](http://www.paulharrismemorial.org) and a \$500 grant to the Little Red School House

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/library/wallingford/school.htm>

RGHF still has room at our 2011 institute in Bavaria, this October [www.rghf.org/institute/2011](http://www.rghf.org/institute/2011) where all are welcome. We'll be meeting in a lovely lakeside hotel.

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## Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/fellowship/>

Stimulates acquaintance and fellowship among Rotarians interested in exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history.

**Chair**

Frederick J. Otto - USA. Business: 1-847-6981160; Residence: 1-847-6925104; Fax: 1-847-6986221; E-mail: [ottolaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ottolaw@sbcglobal.net)

The objective of this fellowship is to advocate and promote the collection of Rotary club and Rotary International heritage and history; to encourage activity by others devoted to the preservation, growth and appreciation of the service club movement; to keep alive the mutual friendships created by Harris, Schiele, Shorey and Loehr, who first met in Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago; and, to exchange information and Rotary Club, District and Rotary International heritage and history, through the fellowship publication and our website.



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## International Fellowship of Rotary-on-Stamps



<http://www.rotaryonstamps.org>

Provides a forum for Rotarians interested in Rotary-related postage stamps.

**Chair**

Bob Kriegshauser - USA. E-mail: [rekmak8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rekmak8@sbcglobal.net)

Rotary on Stamps is preparing for their Orleans Convention. There will be a stamp where anyone can come and sort through complimentary stamps for all those House of Friendship. Mailing service will be Rotary on Stamps booth also for those at Special personalized stamps will be purchase for at the booth for both foreign destinations (see picture). Rotary member Will White, former Rotarian has donated a number of stamps for the many event covers for the Rotary on which he had obtained during his tenure as editor.



booth at the New picking table a large table of attending the provided at the the Convention. available for domestic and on Stamps Magazine Editor, picking table and Stamps members

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## International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians



<http://www.ifsr-net.org/>

Develops international relationships among Rotarians who are or have been active members of the Scout movement.

### **Chair**

Brian Thiessen - USA. Business: 1-925-8373355; Residence: 1-925-8201309; Fax: 1-925-8373852; E-mail: [bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net)

To continue to promote Fellowships generally, and IFSR particularly, IFSR participated with an Exhibit at the Past Officer's Reunion in January in San Diego, is Exhibiting at District Conferences this Spring and in 7-10 April will be at the **Baden Powell Fellowship Reunion** in the Hague, Netherlands – where will seek to explain to world Scouting leaders the importance of working with their local Rotary Clubs regarding

- \* Joint Projects all over the world
- \* Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellowship applicants
- \* Getting Venturing and older Scouts into Interact - and vice versa
- \* Encouraging adult Scouts to be in Rotaract and Rotary

Our Exhibit at the **Rotary International Convention** in New Orleans will be Chaired by **PDG Gary Moore** of Conyers, Georgia – Our Annual General Meeting will be held there with election of officers for 2011-12

Our Newsletter, the **Scouting Rotarian**, now goes out quarterly to all of our members world wide, and is a captivating interplay of opportunities to help Scouting and opportunities for Rotary Clubs

26 July through 7 August IFSR will have a large Rotary Exhibit at the **22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree** near Kristianstad, **Sweden** – where Scouts and Scouters and visitors will learn about the amazing opportunities for Rotary Service. **IFSR leaders Dag and Christine Ivarsson** are chairing this spectacular opportunity.

we are already gearing up to resume Exhibits at **Rotary International Zone Institutes** all over the world, between August and December, in order to let the Governors Elect learn about Fellowships generally and IFSR specifically.

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## International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers



<http://www.ifrsd.org>

Brings Rotarians with a passion for scuba diving together. The USA chapter organizes one land based and one live-aboard dive trip a year.

### **Chair**

Dan Lockwood - USA. Residence: 1-810-3294033; E-mail: [diverdan1605@yahoo.com](mailto:diverdan1605@yahoo.com)

We dive as a group once or twice a year, often onboard a live-aboard vessel in exotic destinations like Fiji, Coco Island or Palau, but also on land trips in the Caribbean or other prime diving locations. **On each trip we connect with a local Rotary club and contribute to a local project or cause.**

If you are a Rotarian, and a diver, then please [join this enthusiastic group of globe trotting Rotarians](#) for some great Rotary fellowship and dive the world!

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## International Fellowship of Shooting Sports Rotarians

Educates individuals with respect to firearms and firearms history, hunter safety, marksmanship, and the safe handling of firearms.

### **Chair**

Bob Hervey - USA. Business: 1-904-7246045; Fax: 1-904-7212496; E-mail: [bhervey@danis.com](mailto:bhervey@danis.com)

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## Rotarian Singles Fellowship

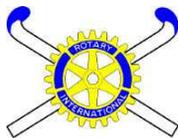
[www.rsfindernational.org](http://www.rsfindernational.org)

Promotes fellowship, friendship, and Rotary service amongst single Rotarians worldwide.

### **Chair**

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## International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.isfrski.org>

Encourages fellowship among Rotarians who share an interest in skiing.

### **Chair**

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Two events were held in winter 2011, a ski week at Aspen, Colorado, January 30 to February 6, attended by 126 members, partners and friends, and the second in Engelberg, Switzerland, March 12 to 19, attended by 97 Rotarians plus partners and guests.

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Aspen and Snowmass Village hosted the Aspen event. The skiing on the three mountains, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass, was terrific. The fellowship events included: a dinner hosted by local Rotarian families in their homes; a joint Rotary breakfast meeting hosted by the two clubs; an elegant single malt scotch tasting; a historical tour of Aspen; a sleigh ride and dinner at a ranch in the area; and a gala closing dinner.

The village of Engleberg features an old Benedictine monastery surrounded by breathtaking peaks and many little shops and restaurants. The members of the Rotary Clubs of Obwalden and Stans, under the affiliated European Chapter of ISFR, hosted the ski week. Fellowship events included: outdoor open and closing ceremonies; a daily après' ski get together at the recently renovated Kursaal community centre; a home hosted dinner by local Rotarians; a guided tour of the monastery followed by a cheese tasting; an organ concert in the monastery church on the largest organ in Switzerland; and a candlelight dinner on Mount Titlis.



*Chairman Esio (second from right) and fellow members enjoying a break together*

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## Rotarians On Social Networks Fellowship (ROSNF)

<http://www.rosnf.org>

Promotes fellowship and service utilizing all the tools available on social networks.

**Chair**

Simone Carot Collins - Australia. Residence: 61-8-94564762; E-mail: [organist@inet.net.au](mailto:organist@inet.net.au)

2011 has been a busy year so far, with our new website at [rosnf.net](http://rosnf.net) launched in January. A mini social network in itself, we now connect Rotarians centrally regardless of their preferred social sites. Our Facebook page at [facebook.com/ROSNF](https://facebook.com/ROSNF) also plays a vital role in connecting members of the Rotary family and providing regular tips and news relating to using social media.

Most of the panellists on the 2 social media webinars hosted by Rotary International in February were ROSNF members. As awareness of social networking grows, more and more of our members are being invited to be speakers at club and district meetings.

As of mid April, we are fast approaching our 1,000<sup>th</sup> member, with 967 members from 79 countries and more joining daily. We're in the process of translating everything on our website into Spanish so we can operate as a multilingual fellowship as well.

We are gearing up for our first Convention as an official fellowship. Please stop by our booth in the House of Friendship and say hello!

Simone Carot Collins  
ROSNF Chair

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## International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.itfr.org>

Develops and promotes worldwide friendship for Rotarians with a common interest in tennis.

**Chair**

Marco Marinaro - Italy. Business: 39-089-222831; Fax: 39-089-2581726; E-mail: [chairman@itfr.org](mailto:chairman@itfr.org)

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## Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management

<http://www.rotarytqm.it/>

Establishes coordinators in Rotary districts who will provide information about total quality management and its benefits in their areas.

**Chair**

Pietro C. Freschi - Italy. Business: 39-025-8430967; Residence: 39-025-8318936; Fax: 39-025-8435791; Email: [rotarytqm@tiscali.it](mailto:rotarytqm@tiscali.it)

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## International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

<http://www.ithf.org/>

Enables Rotarians to enrich their travel experiences through cultural sharing and by visiting other Rotarians in the course of their travels.

**Chair**

Barry Philps - Australia. Residence: 612-96345904; E-mail: [bphilps@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bphilps@bigpond.net.au)

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## International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians

Encourages fellowship among Rotarians who enjoy maintaining personal health through running, exercise, and fitness.

**Chair**

Harold Friend - USA. Business: 1-561-3925919; Residence: 1-561-3925919; Fax: 1-561-3611010; E-mail: [hfriendmd@gmail.com](mailto:hfriendmd@gmail.com)

Below is the link to the latest 2 newsletters of the International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians. For all IFWFR members, you are invited you to submit articles for the next edition, anything related to health, wellness, fitness and weight loss. For others, please enjoy!

<http://www.ridistrict5730.org/IFWFR/Newsletters/2011/April%20fitness%20fellowship%202011.pdf>

<http://www.ridistrict5730.org/IFWFR/Newsletters/2011/January%20fitness%20fellowship%202011.12.29.10.pdf>

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## Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

<http://www.rotarywine.net/>

Promotes the making, tasting, consumption, collecting and production of wine

**Chair** Conrad C. Heede, [rwaf1@yahoo.com](mailto:rwaf1@yahoo.com)

We invite you to join one of the most enjoyable, wine related social groups in existence. Our objective is to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and any other topics related to the appreciation of wine so that our own appreciation of good wine will be enhanced. We will accomplish that by sharing our own knowledge and experiences and by learning from the many wine experts and knowledgeable Rotarians throughout the world.

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## International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.iyfr.net>

Promotes interest in cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating, and encouraging high standards of seamanship through recognized customs and etiquette of the water.

### **Chair**

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Since the last edition of Fellowship Advancer, we have added two more fleets to our fellowship, one in Philippines (the fifth in two years), called Mabuhay Rotonda Fleet and one in South of France, Riviera Cote D'Azur Fleet.

One of the many projects that IYFR together with Rotary Clubs, gets involved in is the sailability programme, run in many countries, to help physically challenged people sail either with a crew member or on their own in specially adapted boats.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> May during the International Convention where our Change of Watch, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, will be celebrated. Incoming International Commodore is Clint Collier from San Francisco.

We will be having a Post Convention Cruise on Carnival Triumph from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May leaving from New Orleans, stopping at Cozumel for a day and returning to New Orleans.

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### **From the editor**

It has been a real pleasure and privilege to produce the two issues of The Advancer this year.

From the comments that have come back to me, the January issue was well received and most indicated that reinstating the newsletter was a good idea. I just wish that all fellowships would take this opportunity to 'sell their wares' to the many Rotarians who hopefully will read this newsletter and discover that they are missing out. I am amazed at the number of clubs I visit where no one knows about the fellowships, or those that are in fellowships do not share it with their fellow members.

For my part I have learnt so much about the fellowships I knew little about and was pleased to see the formation of new ones, too.

I am only sorry that I cannot be in New Orleans to meet up with you and share the fun in the House of Friendship, but I wish that your events and booths will prove as successful as they have been in the past.

With best wishes

Stella Russell